City Challenge Fund to reform urban bodies

901. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that $ 160 million City Challenge Fund has been set up recently with a loan extended to Government by the D.F.I.D. of the United Kingdom to reform the urband bodies; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects identified in various States as also of the terms of the loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) A proposal to set up a "City Challenge Fund" for introducing an economic programme for supporting city-wide reforms has been forwarded to the Department of International Development (DFID), who have confirmed their preliminary interest in the proposal. The proposal is yet to be approved.

Complaint regarding bogus payment by MCD

902. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint from Bhrastachar Nirodhak Samiti (Hastal), Uttam Nagar, New Delhi regarding bogus payment worth crores of rupees by MCD in Ward No. 17,47 and 48 Div. XXIII;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into those matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi have informed that a complaint from Bhrashtachar Nirodhak Samiti (Hastal)-, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi has been received against the alleged bogus payment by MCD in Ward No. 17, 47 and 48, Division XXIII. The Samiti mentioned about certain works carried out by MCD in Hastal, Pankha Road, Sewak Park, Nandram Park, Om Vihar etc. alongwith the amounts involved for these works.

The matter is being investigated by the Vigilance Department of the MCD.

Construction of community centres in Gole Market,. New Delhi

† 903. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places at Gole Market in New Delhi where instructions for constructing community centres were given by former Minister of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Shri Jagmohan or where instructions for carrying out construction works of different types were given by his Ministry during the last two years;

(b) the present status of each work;

(c) the steps Government are taking or propose to take to get all the works completed; and

(d) by when all the works will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Details are given in the Statement.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.